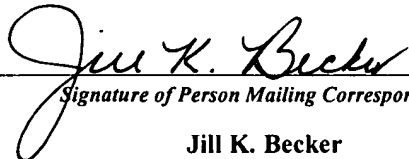


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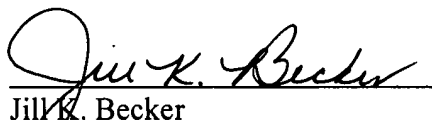
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**Response To Office Action**

Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2005 for the above-referenced patent application. A response to the Office Action was initially due on or before January 19, 2006, and thus, a Request For Extension Of Time and the requisite fee are enclosed herewith. Therefore, this Response is being timely filed.

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